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U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER.

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, August 1, was as follows:

1919	1918	1917
213,000 bales	214,000 bales	72,000 bales.

Prices of Good Sakel, Liverpool, August 1, were as follows:

1919	1918	1917
34.00d	33.92d	36.75d

The New Bedford letter of August 2, in the New York Journal of Commerce of August 4, is, in part, as follows:

> There has been very little change in the market for extra staple cotton here during the past week, the chief features being the scarcity of old crop cotton and the difficulty in getting offers from the south on the new crop staples. The demand from the mills is fairly good, especially for odd lots of old crop, but it is not so insistent nor so reckless of price as it was a week or two ago. This applies to the market as a whole and is true despite the fact that several instances could be cited where individual mills that are badly in need of additional cotton in certain of the longer types, are willing to pay almost any price if they can secure the right kind of cotton.
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> Egyptian Sakellardis of good grade is bringing from 60 to 65c, although there is very little of it to be had now in this country.

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August 8, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON FORD LETTER.

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, August 1, was as follows:

1919	1918	1917
218,000 bales	214,000 bales	72,000 bales.

Prices of Good Bakel, Liverpool, August 1, were as follows:

1919	1918	1917
24.00d	32.92d	28.75d

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New Bedford letter of August 2 continued:

Prices on new crop staples are quoted herewith according to the nominal figures asked in this market. They should not be taken, however, as the level at which business is being done, for most of the mills are not willing to pay them. Based on strict middling and a very high standard of stapling, they are as follows:

Inch and an eighth,	50 to 53c.
Inch and three-sixteenth,	52-1/2 to 56c.
Inch and a quarter,	55 to 57c.
Inch and five-sixteenth,	57 to 59c.

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah Market for the week ending Friday, August 1, 1919 ..... 33.00 to 34.00

Cotton News Letter of August 1/12. L.C.

Bulletin Letter of August 2 continued:

Prices on new crop shipping are quoted herewith according to the monthly figures making in this market. They should not be taken, however, as the level at which business is being done, for most of the mills are not willing to pay them. Based on staple middling and a very high standard of classing, they are as follows:

Inch and an eighth, 60 to 65c.
Inch and three-sixteenth, 62-1/2 to 66c.
Inch and a quarter, 65 to 67c.
Inch and five-sixteenth, 67 to 69c.

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah
Exchange for the week ending Friday, August 1, 1919 ..... 64.00 to 64.00

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Washington, D. C.

August 12, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

The New Bedford letter of August 9, in the New York Journal of Commerce of August 11, is, in part, as follows:

> The big break in the price of short cotton and the wide fluctuations that featured the New York Cotton Exchange during the week had less of an effect on extra staple prices than might have been supposed. It was reflected, of course, in more or less uncertainty in the minds of prospective purchasers, but seemed to have very little weight indeed in influencing holders of staples to offer them more freely.
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> There is a demand for Sea Island, particularly in the Providence district, but almost none is obtainable except at very fancy prices. It is said that 66c to 67c could be gotten for average extra choice and 68c to 70c for fancy, but the prices quoted on the only lots available are 5c to 10c above this. New crop Peruvian of good grade and long staple is being quoted at 51c to 53c for shipment from Peru, while a few odd lots of American Egyptian are quoted at 66c to 67c for No. 2 Grade Pima. There are apparently no prices yet available for new crop Egyptian, and it is said that fancy figures are being quoted for it in Liverpool and Alexandria. There is practically none of it left on the spot in this country and some brokers are beginning to doubt whether America will be able to get any appreciable amount of this cotton this season.

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah Market for the week ending Friday, August 8, 1919 ..... 33.50 to 34.00

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August 19, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, August 15, was as follows:

1919	1918	1917
182,000 bales	214,000 bales	47,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Liverpool, August 15, were as follows:

1919	1918	1917
33.00d	33.92d	37.00d

The New Bedford Sunday Standard of August 17 contains the following extract relative to extra staple cotton:

> There has been a marked easing in the demand for extra staple cotton during the past week in this market. The decline of prices on the cotton exchange has apparently made the mills less anxious to buy new crop, especially in view of the fact that in most cases the basis for extra staples has been widened as the exchange price declined. Brokers report that they are getting nowhere near the number of inquiries for new crop prices that they received last week or the week before, and some of the mills are not at all interested in talking cotton just now.
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> A steady demand for Peruvian is reported in some quarters where tire yarn orders are being taken, prices ranging from 58 to 60 cents for good grade mitafiffi for early shipment from Peru. Egyptian Sakellaridis is said to be very hard to find on the

Extract from New Bedford Sunday Standard of August 17 continued:

spot, the few odd lots available being held at 60 to 61 cents, and the grade being about medium. A demand for Sea Island is reported from some quarters but there are hardly any offers of this cotton and price is not a factor, being anywhere between 65 and 70 cents regardless of grade, and in some cases even higher. A local mill is said to be looking for choice to extra choice that can be bought for 68 cents or thereabouts. Several odd lots of Pima cotton are being offered here. The grade ranges from No. 1 to No. 3 and the quotations are 71 cents for the highest grade, with a cent lower for No. 2 and 69 cents for No. 3. No great demand for it is reported here.

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Egyptian Cotton Imports

The Bureau of the Census reports imports from Egypt in equivalent 500-lb. bales during the 11 months ending June 30, 1919, together with the corresponding period (as well as for the month of June) of the preceding year as follows:

June		11 mos. ending June 30	
1919	1918	1919	1918
8,625	25,325	34,458	94,353

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EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

The New Bedford letter of August 23, in the New York Journal of Commerce of August 25, is, in part, as follows:

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A demand for Sea Islands was reported from the Providence territory, but there were very few offerings. Quotations ranged from 70c to 73c for average extra choice, and some lower grades were quoted at the same figure. It was rumored that the Government had set a price of 76c on its stock of 8,000 bales, most of which is held in storage here, but no sales at this level are reported. Another report in this connection was to the effect that this stock was to be sold to the highest bidder. Official confirmation of either is lacking, although it is said that an offer of 70c for the entire lot was refused. The Government stock, it is said, was bought at an average price of 72-1/2c and the carrying charges since the time it was purchased would make it stand Uncle Sam in considerably more than 76c, although it is understood that all the best cotton has been used and only the undesirable bales are left.

Peruvian cotton is in considerable demand for tire-yarn purposes, and quotations range from 54c to 56c for prompt shipment from Peru, grade medium. High grades are offered for 56c to 58c. Sales have been made at 54c or thereabouts and some on the spot in this country sold at about the same price.

Pima cotton of the first three grades ~~is~~ offered in some quantity, the price ranging from 66 to 68 cents. Some fair sized orders for it have been placed here at the lower figure. * *

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Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah Market for the week ending Friday, August 22, 1919 ..... 31.25